EXHIBIT NO. \_\_\_\_

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, each year during the December holidays, the Citizens of Alexandria and visitors to the City derive great pleasure from the beauty of the festive wreaths and garlands adorning the entrances to City Hall at Market Square, Royal Street, Cameron Street, and Fairfax Street; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Council of Garden Clubs generously donated funds toward the procuring of the Vermont balsam wreaths; and

WHEREAS, the City is fortunate that members of the Beverley Hills Garden Club have designed the beautiful wreaths at City Hall for over a decade; and

WHEREAS, the design of the balsam wreaths has varied over the years. This past holiday season, the wreaths were traditionally adorned with magnolia boughs, nandina berries, Osage oranges, lemons, pine cones, and red bows accented in gold; and

WHEREAS, the fabrication of wreaths for the 2003 holiday season were done by members of the Beverley Hills Garden Club. The wreath artists were Deanna Andrews, Barbara Archey, Nellie Greaves, Laura Marshall, Joann McCaskill, Kay Mendenhall, Madge Overly, Cassie Pickard, Beth Smith, Barbara Walczykowski, and Athena Williams;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILE**, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby express deep appreciation for the generosity of the Alexandria Council of Garden Clubs and to all the talented and civic-minded members of the Beverley Hills Garden Club who gave of their time and artistry to create the spectacular holiday decorations at City Hall.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2004.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE

**MAYOR** 

On behalf of the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:	
Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC	City Clerk